

Current Board Members: Maria Schuchardt, Board Chair; Chris Wheeler, Vice-Chair Madeline Pallanes Secretary; Janet Salese, Treasurer, Mariann Moery, Linda Bullock

- Report on the previous 12 months, September 2022 - August 2023

Financial Report / Funding Team

The following data are unverified income and expense values:

	Sunday Offerings	Total Income	Total Expenses	Facility Fund & Opp. Fund Contrib's∇	Net Income∇	Total Year Attendance	Average Weekly Attend.	Average Weekly Offering /Person
Est. Budget 9/2023-8/24	87,500	96,418	125,896	47,479 ☺ <10,250>#	<29,478>	2,860	55	30.59
9/2022-8/23 Actual	79,302	83,121	104,430	48,243☺π <736>✘	<21,309>	1,677	34	39.72
Est. Budget 9/2022-8/23	126,000	134,960	148,412	47,479 ☺	<14,252>	2,600	50	48.46
9/2021-8/22 Actual	125,003 ☹	131,680	126,634	39,531 ☺☺ 10,832 ✘	5,046	1,643	32	76.08 ☹
9/2020 – 8/21 Actual	122,132	128,227	110,203	47,499 ☺ (<6,461✘>)	18,024 §	2,101	40	58.13

∇ Designated Funds are not included as available income. They can only be used for their intended purposes.

☺ Annual payment on promissory note for sale of 4961 E 22nd St. π Also includes AC maintenance & investment increase in value.

✘ An additional designated fund, The Opportunity Fund, was created by the request of anonymous donations of \$12,000) for enhancing our marketing presence in Tucson. Additional funds continue to be added. We redeveloped our website from this fund and have increased our marketing presence by purchasing advertising in several different publications. We also purchased video equipment for livestreaming. Fund has been used in new minister search including Co-Creation weekend.

§ More than \$19,900 of net income was from Sunday rent 'forgiven' (use not possible) and no paid administrator.

☹ We benefitted from a number of very generous donations this past year, as well as not spending funds we didn't have on a paid administrator, or Sunday Celebration Service space (until June 2022). ☺ The

Board placed \$25,000 of our Facility Fund with the Science of Mind Foundation as an endowment investment. The market has had a tough year. We expect it to recover and grow. At this moment, it is running a deficit.

#Opportunity Funds will be used for new minister search expenses.

The Board of Trustees, Maria Schuchardt, Chair

In the last year, each Trustee served as liaison to a number of teams/circles and/or events. That meant that in addition to specific board activities, each board member supported other groups within our Center.

Specific Areas of Focus:

- Maria Schuchardt, Chair: Trustees, Hospitality, Wall Calendar with Mariann, Youth Ministry, Hosts
- Janet Salese, Treasurer: Sacred Cinema, Full Moon Labyrinth Walk, Funding Team/Stewardship Directory, Greeters, Prosperity Mastermind Group, Bookstore,
- Mariann Moery, Newsletter, Marketing and Communication, Photography, Videography
- Sharon Whealy, RScP, Guest Speakers, Practitioner lead

- Chris Wheeler, Vice-Chair: Newcomers Team
- Madeline Pallanes, Secretary: Outreach, Membership, Social celebrations
- Linda Bullock: Liaison to CSL Member Council & Spiritual Circles

Key events this past year included: Maria

Dr. Kathy Hearn facilitated an in-person Co-creation workshop a Friday, March 17 in the evening for the entire community and writing the sacred covenant (at end of report) with the Nominating Committee on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The nominating committee: Mariann Moery, chair, Linda Bullock, co-chair, Marya Wheeler, Tamara Morrison, Pat Masters, Michael Zimmerman, Sharon Whealy, RScP, Maria Schuchardt, RScP.

The nominating committee has been guided by Rev. Julie Lobato of CSL Home Office to create the documents needed to place our request for a minister on Open Pulpit, CSL's site for open ministerial positions. The committee created a compensation package, a CSLT video (Michael Zimmerman), and a CSLT brochure.

A LBGTQ coffee gathering began in August and meets once a month. The group also gets together on other occasions.

Ethel Lee-Miller has organized the library and bookstore books.

Education Team - Board Liaison, Maria Schuchardt:

The following is a list of classes that were given over the year:

- *Enhancing Gratitude*, *Money Keys* book group, Rev. Janis.
- *A New Design for Living* based on Ernest Holmes' book of the same name. Mariann Moery, Maria Schuchardt, RScP.
- *Braving the Wilderness* based on Brené Brown's book of the same name, Ethel Lee Miller.
- Sharon Whealy, RScP has led Gratitude Rain Shower once a month and many classes this year:
 - *Prosperity, Survive to Thrive*, Sharon and Linda Connolly (Sacramento-CSL) taught a 5-week class on Edwene Gaines' book, *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*
 - *Your Authentic and Innate Goodness* based on *Ordinary Goodness: The Surprisingly Effortless Path to Creating a Life of Meaning and Beauty* by Dr. Edward Viljoen.
 - *Embracing Change*
 - *Your personal Manifesto*
 - *Affirmations*

Ecclesiastical- Maria Schuchardt

Last year our guest speakers were: November 7, 2022 Dr. Karmen Smith, December 12, 2022 poet and Author John Roedel, December 11, 2022 Rev. Veronica Silva.

In February 2023 Rev. Janis retired. The board has taken on Rev. Janis' duties. Rev. Janis arranged speakers for a month, then Sharon Whealy, RScP took on the responsibility of lining up speakers for Sunday Service. Our presenters since March 2023 have been: Rev. Nita Strauss, Rev. Rhonda Tretsven, Rev. Jeff Hargis, Dr. Kathy Hearn, Cerise Patron, Sharon Whealy, RScP, Rev Joyce Holley, Rev. Donna Smith, Rev. Steph Amand, Eugene Holden, RScP, Rev. Patrick Harbula, Dr. Karmen Smith, Rev. Julie Moret, Rev Patricia Van Woerkmon, Rev. Tracey Harrick, Alexandra Musser, RScP, Susan Smith, Ethel Lee-Miller, Tamara Morrison, and Rachel Sartori.

We have continued to meet in person at the Live Theatre Workshop, having to go online from Dec 11, 2022 to Jan. 1, 2023 and April 30 to June 11, 2023. In the last meeting with LTW it was communicated that we lose too much momentum by not being able to always meet at the theatre. LTW is able to respect our need. We appreciate our technicians Stephen and Tina.

Daily morning Spiritual Practice continues Monday through Saturday. This group has been meeting since March 2020.

Rituals & Celebrations. On Zoom there was a Celebration of Light rituals and an Endings and Beginnings Ritual on New Year's Eve. There was an in-person Winter Solstice candle lighting ritual held outdoors at the Unity of Tucson's labyrinth.

Activities that will continue as long as there is interest:

- Daily morning practice (Zoom)
- Monthly Movie Discussion Group – Marya Wheeler took over as leader (Zoom)
- Prosperity Mastermind Group meets monthly (Zoom)
- A variety of classes with different facilitators (Zoom)
- Monthly full moon labyrinth walk continue, Janet facilitating (in person)
- Lunch Bunch re-convened, 4th Sunday at Basha's (Ft Lowell & Swan) after Services (in-person)
- The Men's group meets at the office again (in person)
- CSLT Creatives meets monthly at several participants homes (in-person)
- Attending theater productions at Live Theater Workshops together in a group
- Gratitude Rain Shower (Zoom)
- Vision Core (Zoom)

Ideas for 2023 – 2024

Party for new minister!

Beginnings and ending ritual 2023 in-person

Solstice walk at labyrinth

Book study on Roger Teel's *This Life is Joy*

Cerise Patron,

2024 Community Envisioning with new minister

2024 CSLT calendar

Classes and workshops TBD

Our Credo: CSLT inspires spiritual expression in community with all and offers an accepting, loving and peaceful way of living a joyful, healthier, and more abundant life.

Community Outreach We know the best way to share with others is to bring/invite them to a CSLT event, such as daily practice, book studies, special events, and for classes, and/or to our in-person Sunday Celebrations.

All of which have seen new people joining in. The second-best way for people to find us is on the internet through our website, our Facebook page, our Instagram page, and our YouTube channel.

-Team Reports -

Administration – Janet Salese and a cast of “dozens”: Rev Janis continued to serve as the primary administrator for our Center until her retirement at the end of February. Janet has assumed the role of Acting Administrator since then. Janet continues to receive support for many administrative tasks. Board members shared responsibility for uploading the recorded Sunday service to Zoom and preparing the bulletins. Maria Schuchardt provides calendar and blog upload services. She, and Mariann Moery created the 2023 wall calendar featuring art and photographs of our community participants and is in process with the 2024 wall calendar. Mariann Moery created our marketing materials used in our advertising and produces our weekly electronic newsletter. Madeline Pallanes is the primary administrator for our Facebook page. Linda Bullock assists Janet in answering telephone and email messages. Janet, with Maria's assistance, continues the Treasurer's duties. Janet also maintains the community directory. We enjoy our competent remote bookkeeper, Kim Reeves, and her assistant Lisa Besst. In July, our admin@tucsonsl.org email was hacked. As a result, we are now asking the public to use the info@tucsonsl.org to communicate with the office and a new, more secure computer was purchased. Rev Janis very much appreciated each of these regular administrative supporters as Janet does now.

Facility Team – Open (for now): A loosely arrayed group of individuals maintain the office and education center at 911 S Craycroft; they assist in weeding the parking lot, trimming the bushes, changing furnace filters and light bulbs. In December, the office was treated for termites after evidence of them was noticed. In the spring we had a gap around the AC vent sealed. The large outdoor sign fell over in August as a result of age and weather. We are in the process of getting it restored.

Funding Team – Rev. Janis and Janet Salese: Part of the charge of the Funding Team is to assist the congregation in choosing a local charity that CSLT supports with 5% of our regular donations each year. In November, members of the congregation were encouraged to identify local organizations that they believe support self-determined living. Then the top three are identified to speak for a few moments on a Sunday during December. The first Sunday of January, the congregation selected the organization CSLT supported that year. This year, we heard from

three organizations: Literacy Connects, Old Pueblo Community Services and Youth On Their Own. The congregation voted to support Youth On Their Own during 2023.

Altared States Team – Barbara Arissa, Team Leader: With our return to in-person services our Altared States team is back in action, creating order and beautifying our stage with fresh flowers or live plants every week. If you'd like to join this team, and participate in this way, you'd be most welcome.

Music Team – David Prouty, Team Leader

The CSLT Orchestra remained stable this year with Chris Wheeler on drums, Michael Zimmerman on electric guitar, James Gunn on bass and David Prouty on keyboards. The Orchestra provides weekly inspirational music.

Paid Guest Musicians included: Cerise Patron and Jaraneh Nova.

Michael Zimmerman stepped up as Guest Musical Director so David Prouty could have a little time off.

Practitioners – Maria Schuchardt, Board Liaison:

Sharon Whealy, RScP and Maria Schuchardt, RScP are our two practitioners, leading meditation and performing platform practitioner duties. Tamara Morrison, leads meditation once a month, and Robie-Jean Chandler is acting as practitioner on the fifth Sunday. We are waiting for our new minister to arrive to determine Robie-Jean's status as the minister holds the practitioner's license. Sharon and Maria are online with the Sunday Services "Zoomers" twice a month and offer a group SMT at the end of service.

Maria Schuchardt, Board Chair – Team Reports

Hospitality Team: Maria Schuchardt, Team Leader: We have not had potlucks since the beginning of 2020. Madeline offers lunch bunch once a month. Details in her team report.

Host Team – Marya Wheeler, Team Leader: The Host welcomes the congregation to our service and sets our intentions for the service by repeating the Opening statement concerning our sacred space and shared One Life. The Host also shares announcements and prompts the congregation to greet each other in-person and on Zoom, ask everyone to wave and give virtual hugs. Team members over the past year: Jeff Jackson, Pat Masters, Linda Bullock, Beryl Varno, Nicole Miller and Marya Wheeler.

Youth Program: Marya Wheeler, Team Leader: With our return to in-person services, it is possible for us to have youth services on Sunday mornings. We'd love to attract three additional youth facilitators who truly have a heart for supporting our youth in growing in the Science of Mind principles, and in developing as wise, grounded, young people aware of their wholeness.

In-person Celebrations: In February we had a gratitude celebration for Rev. Janis for all that she has done for our community and to claim for her a new adventure awaiting.

Chris Wheeler, Board Vice-Chair – Team Report

Vision Core – Chris Wheeler, Board Liaison: The first Thursday of each month, the Vision Core visions on “the highest vision, highest ideal for CSL Tucson.” All are welcome to observe the process; anyone who has been trained in the visioning process is welcome to participate. Vision Core currently meets on zoom.

Men’s Group: Meets at the office every other Thursday.

Madeline Pallanes, Secretary – Liaison Team Reports

CSLT Online Presence through social media via Facebook throughout this past year. Pictures, links to our Sunday talks, and general information regarding our center can be found there. We currently have 1,000 followers which means our posts come up on the follower's news feed. Messages to our center have been sent and responded to through messenger as they come in.

Lunch bunch has continued to grow with participation from our congregation this past year. The 4th Sunday of each month we gather for good food, conversation and friendship directly after service. Basha’s (Camp Lowell & Swan) has been the perfect location to meet our needs.

Our daily morning spiritual practice continues on Zoom Monday through Saturday @ 8:30 am with a variety of volunteers to lead the group of participants. All are welcome to sign in and join this group as their schedule allows.

Lending Library & Book Store has returned to business as usual; thanks to the guidance and volunteer work of Ethel Lee-Miller. Ethel hosted an open house where "10 book lovers shared ideas and knowledge of books, had time to chat, and recommended titles to each other." Our lending library has over 600 books, is free for borrowing and has no late fees. Books may be returned on the Sundays that the Bookstore is set up in the lobby at Live Theatre Workshop or at the CSL office.

Membership We have 33 members. The last membership class was in 2019, and we have to wait for the new minister to hold the next class.

Marketing/Communication Team (MarCom) Mariann Moery, Board

Facebook 1,000 followers

YouTube 209 subscribers 187 videos - Average number of viewers for Sunday Service 40-60 per video. (September 2022: 132 subscribers)

Website - We continue to update the website with current and ongoing events. A 'marquee' on the homepage announces the weekly ministerial schedule. The calendar contains information about ongoing events. There is much information on CSLT teaching and teachers on the site as well. It continues to be a way for newcomers to find us.

Newsletter - The weekly e-newsletter goes to over 500 subscribers with a 49-50% open rate. The Board plus Sharon Whealy, RScP rotate weekly to contribute the highly popular lead essay. Calendar events and links to relevant outside material continue as part of the weekly read.

Marketing We maintain a monthly schedule of ads in Natural Awakenings: Weekly Service, Full-moon labyrinth, Gratitude Rain Showers and multi-week classes with longer promotion pieces for better-known speakers. The ads create awareness and invite people to visit and learn.

Video As part of the Selection Committee work a CSLT video was created and is now posted as the welcome to our YouTube page. Special thanks to Michael Zimmerman for crafting the video and all those who participated: Chris & Marya Wheeler, Tamara Morrison, Maria Schuchardt; Linda Bullock. And to all who contributed photographs, time, and talent. Thank you - It's great!

Zoom Instead of livestreaming to YouTube and Zoom at the same time on Sunday morning, we now livestream and record the talk on Zoom, then put the recording on YouTube. The quality of the Zoomers experience has been greatly enhanced. Thank you to Susan Clouser for being the host on Zoom Sunday morning!

Annual CSLT Wall Calendar Mariann is continuing with the tradition of creating a wall calendar for the upcoming year consisting of photography, artwork, and writing of CSLT members and writings by New Thought thinkers.

Selection Committee Created the month after Rev. Janis' retirement the 8-member committee and the Board members spent a weekend with Rev. Dr. Kathy Hearn co-creating the documents which contributed to the CSLT Profile and the Covenant Prayer which we share every Sunday. The profile submitted to CSL has been distributed inviting applicants to become our New Minister. We will interview and invite applicants to speak at Service through the coming months.

Janet Salese, Board Treasurer – Liaison Team Reports

Bookstore Team – Ethel Lee Miller, Team Leader: With the switch to the Children's Theatre which has a larger lobby, we were able to resume with an on-site bookstore table. Ethel takes care of the books and Janet Salese handles the money on second Sundays before and after service. Books, calendars and Science of Mind magazines were still sold through the office.

Greeters – Janet Salese, Coordinator: Janet is assisted by Jeff Jackson, Jane Hooper and Tamara Morrison. They set up the lobby and welcome those coming to service. In lieu of the newcomer team, they hand out newcomer packets and encourage new attendees to sign the guest book.

Sacred Cinema - Marya Wheeler, Leader: This is an online Sacred Cinema Discussion Group. Participants watch the movie on their own, then come together on the 3rd Sunday of the month via Zoom to discuss the movie. The movie of the month is announced in the weekly newsletter. The time was changed back to 2pm. 3-4 participants attend regularly.

Prosperity MasterMind Group - Marya Wheeler, Leader: The group continues to meet twice a month on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1pm. 4-5 individuals participate regularly. Good results have been experienced by all participants. The group is open to anyone who has taken a prosperity class of any kind.

Full Moon Labyrinth Walk - Janet Salese, Leader: Janet continues to lead these walks that take place at the Unity of Tucson's outdoor labyrinth on full moon evenings, with occasional assistance from others when she is not available. Attendance has been increasing with non-CLST participants finding us through Natural Awakenings and Unity Church notices, along with regulars bringing friends and neighbors. Attendance varied from 4-12, with an average of 6. One evening the walkers were accompanied by a Native American flute player.

Directory: 34 individuals are now included in the CSLT directory. The directory is updated and sent out quarterly by email. Janet Salese heads up this project.

CSLT Creatives - Ethel Lee-Miller, Leader: The CSLT Creatives was formed after the completion of Foundations by class members who wanted to come together to encourage each other's creativity. After taking the summer off, the group resumed in August. They meet from 12:30 - 2pm at a member's residence to work on individual projects. They meet monthly on a Thursday, which varies depending on the host's schedule. The group is open to new members wishing to share their creativity who are willing to follow the host's Covid protocols.

Lending Library - Ethel Lee-Miller, Coordinator: Ethel has lovingly taken charge of the lending library at the office. Thousands of books were organized and are available to be borrowed. An open house was held in June to show them off. Ethel plans on future open houses.

Volunteer Coordination: Volunteer service is coordinated by individual team leaders and encouraged during membership classes. Each individual is encouraged to find his/her niche through volunteering in our Center. We know each person has an opportunity to experience a greater sense of connectedness through belonging to a service team and/or a social group.

Election of Board Members

The election of Board Members will not take place as usual in October annual meeting due to the requirement of home office that board members have to continue until the next minister is selected.

Questions and Comments

Sacred Covenant

There is only One Life! That Life is God's Life! That Life is Perfect. That Life is my Life Now!
In knowing that I am 'one' with this Life that is God...I therefore know that I am 'one' with all of
its blessed expressions, which includes the Presence of a New Minister for My beloved Spiritual
Community.

Because I know that the highest Purpose of my New Minister is to express Spirit, I therefore
know that my New Minister is a Revelation of Spirit as: **Wholeness**. I further know that my
New Minister is the fulfillment of that which has been promised by God, for it is written:

Happiness and Wholeness fill my entire being with the realization of Love and
Perfection.

As I stand in agreement with my beloved Community, I see my New Minister revealed before
me as my joyful, vibrant community leader.

I now intend to experience my New Minister in full cooperation and agreement with my
Community, knowing this Truth about myself, for ...

I am inspiring and motivating the experience of wholeness and love

I am revealing the divinity and wisdom within me

I am leading in the realization of truth and love

I am facilitating, supporting and expanding a diverse selection of classes

I am providing a nurturing, vibrant community welcoming all

As I now accept the highest expression of a New Minister into my life, I know that they will be
revealed in a way that will express Spirit and serve the highest and greatest good of all who are
touched by their Presence.

I am grateful God is gracious.

And so It is.